

Medal, an Army Accommodation Medal, an Army Achievement Medal and a National Defense Service Medal.

It is the qualities of incredible courage, strength, and pride in service of country which we see in young heroes like William R. Brown that makes us appreciate the freedoms we have here at home. I am proud to honor Sergeant Brown's service to the State of Texas, where he entered the service, and to the United States of America. He will not be forgotten.

ON THE CENTENNIAL OF TRINITY  
BAPTIST CHURCH IN RICHMOND,  
VIRGINIA

**HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an institution in the City of Richmond, VA. This year, Trinity Baptist Church is celebrating its centennial and I would like to take some time to recognize its history of service as a house of worship in Richmond during the last 100 years.

The church that we know as Trinity Baptist began in 1906 as the Sixth Mount Zion Sunday School class, which met at the home of Marcellus Waller, Sr., and Nannie Waller at 1007 West Leigh Street in Richmond. As this faith community grew, the idea was put forth to formally organize a church, and Brother Charles Thompkin suggested they call it Trinity. After a consultation with a representative from the Baptist Churches, Trinity Baptist Church was established on August 6, 1906, with Rev. James Williams as its first Pastor.

Under Pastor George Carrington, who led Trinity from 1915–1919, a new sanctuary was built at 1630 Rose Avenue. In 1960, Trinity had again outgrown its building, and Pastor King David Turner appointed a Planning Committee to find a new home for the church. Pastor Turner's work was continued by Pastor Welford David Adkins, who led the church through the purchase of land and construction of a new 1,000 seat sanctuary in 1972.

For the last 26 years, Trinity Baptist has been ably led by Rev. A. Lincoln James. Under his stewardship, Trinity has increased its staff to include Ministers of Fine Arts, Economic Development, Christian Education, and Children and Youth. Trinity's daily bag lunch feeding program and clothes closet literally feed the hungry and clothe the poor. The church's work with Caritas Charities Prose Ministry helps the homeless, and its Angel Tree program ministers to prisoners. Rev. James has also licensed or ordained over 60 sons and daughters of Trinity into the gospel ministry, and he oversaw the ordination of the church's first female deacons in 2004.

I would like to once again congratulate Rev. James and the members of Trinity Baptist on their centennial and wish them another century of continued service to their community.

HONORING THE DECENNIAL  
SEASON OF THEATRE HUNTSVILLE

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members, staff, volunteers, and patrons of the Theatre Huntsville during their decennial season. The 2006–2007 season will include performances of Noises Off, Proof, Romeo and Juliet, Crossing Delancy, To Kill a Mockingbird, Nonsense, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Theatre Huntsville is the second-oldest performance organization in the city of Huntsville, presenting its first performance in 1950 as the Huntsville Little Theatre. In 1979, the Huntsville Little Theatre merged with the Twickenham Repertory Company to form today's performance group.

Mr. Speaker, Theatre Huntsville strives to foster, encourage, and strengthen interest in the dramatic arts. In addition to its yearly performances, the Theatre's volunteers mentor others in the community in areas of acting, directing, and all other aspects of community theater through discussions, lectures, workshops, apprenticeships, and tutorials.

Mr. Speaker, throughout the 2006–2007 season, Theatre Huntsville will celebrate their decennial season. I rise today to join in their celebration.

GOODBYE TO COLLEAGUES

SPEECH OF

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2006*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor four of my distinguished colleagues and to pay tribute to their dedicated work on behalf of the people of New York.

I have been honored throughout my time in Congress to call SHERWOOD BOEHLERT, MAJOR OWENS, JOHN SWEENEY and SUE KELLY my colleagues and my friends, and their hard work and passion will be sorely missed by our great institution.

SHERRY BOEHLERT has been fighting for the people of the Mohawk Valley and Central New York since 1964, first as chief of staff to Congressman Alexander Pirnie and his successor Donald Mitchell and, for the last 24 years, as the representative of the 24th Congressional District of New York. SHERRY has been a staunch advocate for environmental and science priorities including the space program, protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and research into global warming and cyberterror issues, and he has fought on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to secure New York's fair share of Federal funds.

SHERRY BOEHLERT epitomizes what a Member of Congress should strive to be—an independent, bipartisan consensus builder with loyalty not to outside interest groups or to party leadership, but to the constituents who sent him to Congress for over two decades.

New York and the U.S. Congress have benefited for nearly as long from the service of MAJOR OWENS. Since succeeding the late

Shirley Chisholm in 1982, MAJOR OWENS has successfully fought in Congress for increased educational opportunities, a higher minimum wage, equal opportunity for those with disabilities, and aid for historical black colleges. MAJOR's voice will be missed, but his New York colleagues will remember him as we carry forward these important initiatives.

It has also been my privilege to work with JOHN SWEENEY since his election to the House in 1998. As my colleague on the Appropriations Committee, as my co-chair of the Hudson River Caucus and as a leading voice for a risk-based approach to distribute Homeland Security funds, JOHN SWEENEY has proven himself not only dedicated to the people of his district, but to all the citizens of New York.

We will miss Mr. SWEENEY's lively spirit and the passion and expertise he displayed throughout his tenure.

The New York delegation also wishes our colleague SUE KELLY well as she leaves the U.S. Congress. Through her roles on the Small Business and Financial Services Committees, SUE KELLY has successfully pushed to increase small business access to capital. As the chair of the Oversight and Investigation Subcommittee, she has paid careful attention to the efforts of law enforcement to crack down on terrorist financing and money laundering.

SUE and I have stood united on many issues affecting our region, including Hudson River preservation activities and the proposed shift in services away from the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Montrose Campus of the VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System which serves veterans in both of our districts.

Mr. Speaker, while SHERRY, MAJOR, JOHN and SUE may not know yet what the future holds for them, there are two things I know for sure—the people of New York will miss them, and the House of Representatives is better for their service.

I wish them all success and happiness in the days and years to come and am thankful for the opportunity to work with them and call them my friends.

IN MEMORY OF MAYOR TIM  
LESLIE

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tim Leslie, Mayor of Aubrey, in the 26th District of Texas. Mr. Leslie was a courageous leader devoted to the best interests of his community.

Mayor Leslie dedicated his life's work to the citizens of Aubrey. During the 1980's, he was elected to two terms as Mayor. Mr. Leslie's commitment to local children led him to serve on the school board for over a decade. When Mr. Leslie was elected Mayor again in 2003, he championed modern improvements to community and school facilities, and promoted cooperation between the city and schools of Aubrey.

As Mayor, Tim Leslie directed projects for the building of a new library and a water treatment facility. After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year and enduring intensive chemotherapy treatments, Mr. Leslie courageously continued to fulfill his obligations as Mayor.

In addition to his career in local government, Mr. Leslie served as editor and publisher of the City of Aubrey's weekly newspaper, The Town Charter. As a founding member of the Aubrey Lions Club, he was also active in the Aubrey Chamber of Commerce and Aubrey Education Foundation. His legacy of public service will long benefit the City of Aubrey.

Mayor Leslie is survived by his wife, Allison, and their three children.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the memory of such a courageous individual. Mayor Tim Leslie was a dedicated public servant, and serves as a role model to all citizens. I extend my sincerest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his service to his community will always be greatly appreciated.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DEARBORN, MICHIGAN MAYOR MICHAEL A. GUIDO

#### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of a great friend and wonderful public servant, Dearborn Mayor Michael A. Guido, who passed away December 5, 2006 after losing his battle with cancer.

Mayor Guido was elected the youngest person to ever serve on the Dearborn City Council, and then became the youngest mayor in the City's history in 1986. While Michael's 52 years on this earth were far too short, he did much of which to be proud. He exhibited great passion in a job he considered to be the greatest in the world.

To many, Dearborn is renowned for the great services offered by the City. It is to Michael's credit that these services were provided with great fiscal responsibility. It should be noted that the state of the art \$43-million Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, the largest municipally owned recreation center in North America, was the crowning achievement of an impressive career.

Our Nation will also feel the loss of Mayor Guido's leadership as he was the 64th President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. I am glad that mayors around the nation had the opportunity to witness the passion he had for the people he served, and the competence he exhibited in carrying out his duties. I know he was very proud to be a member, and serve as President, of this fine organization.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our "friendly Mayor." The prosperous years he stood at the helm of Dearborn will remain his enduring legacy, but he will also always be remembered for his sense of humor, vigor for life, passionate leadership and charismatic demeanor. Michael Guido wasn't a man who bragged about the great things he did, he just went out and did them. Dearborn will miss its Mayor and I will miss a friend and a wonderful partner. I ask that all of my colleagues join me in remembering the life of this wonderful man, and extend our condolences to his wife Kari, and sons Michael and Anthony.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. CLYDE STEPHENS

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege today to honor Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stephens as they celebrate 50 years of marriage. This is a tremendous milestone that embodies the enduring love and profound commitment they have for one another. For those of us who know the Stephens, their marriage is a celebration of life and an inspiration to us all.

On December 12, 1957, Clyde and Nellie were married in Corinth, MS. Clyde and Nellie were blessed with three wonderful children, Pam Stephens Kelly, David Stephens and Gary Stephens, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Tonight their family and friends are gathering in Middle Tennessee to celebrate this occasion.

Mr. Speaker, a 50th wedding anniversary is truly worth commemorating, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Clyde and Nellie Stephens.

#### TRIBUTE TO HEATHER MONTGOMERY

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Heather Montgomery upon her retirement as District Director for the Eighth Congressional District of Texas.

I've had the privilege of working alongside Heather for many years as co-workers at the South Montgomery County Woodlands Chamber of Commerce, as colleagues while she led the North Houston-Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce, and re-united again in 1998 in service to the constituents of the 8th Congressional District of Texas.

Heather brought to my district offices her wealth of knowledge and experience from leading communities and helping small businesses, as mother of three children, a grandmother, and devoted leader and volunteer of many volunteer efforts in The Woodlands, Montgomery County and north Houston area.

For the past nine years Heather has managed an extensive district staff, day to day operations of three offices, and served as direct extension of myself throughout the community. Heather always manages to find a personal connection with each of our constituents and the challenges they face.

Extremely hard-working, painstakingly fair, exceedingly knowledgeable—these are qualities Heather has not only honed, but also put at the disposal of constituents. She is gracious at all times and simply a class act.

Heather's retirement comes at a time when she and her husband Gary are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren. I know her family is eager to have more of her time.

In the years I have worked with Heather, I have come to know a civic minded leader and a woman of broad and varied interests which I hope she will pursue in the time afforded by retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in saying "thank you" and "job well done" to Heather Montgomery for her years of loyal service to myself, but most of all, to the people of Southeast Texas whom she has served with distinction. She is one of my closest friends.

#### IN HONOR OF SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARK L. LOWERY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career of Mark L. Lowery, Special Agent in Charge of the United States Secret Service Dallas Field Office.

Special Agent Lowery began his career with the Secret Service in 1983 in the St. Louis Field Office, following a 6 year tenure with the St. Louis County Police Department. With the U.S. Secret Service, he served in the Washington Field Office, the Presidential Protection Division, Special Investigations and Security Division, and the Financial Crimes Division.

Under the leadership of Special Agent Lowery, the Dallas Field Office tackled many complex issues plaguing the Dallas community including identity theft, counterfeiting of currency and cyber crimes. Special Agent Lowery's leadership in these cases was instrumental, leading to the successful arrest and prosecution of many criminals in the Dallas area.

Special Agent Lowery has received numerous awards and commendations during his twenty-three year career, including the highest Secret Service award, the Medal of Valor in 1985. The legacy he leaves will speak loudly of the impact he made on our community and his peers and his devotion to the betterment of our community. His tenure at the U.S. Secret Service Dallas Field Office is marked by his dedication, work ethic and public service.

I am grateful for Special Agent Lowery's service to our nation, and I wish him all the best on the occasion of his retirement.

#### UNBORN CHILD PAIN AWARENESS ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

#### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2006*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this inflammatory and misleading piece of legislation.

The bill before us requires that women seeking abortions be given a brochure written by Congress regarding the capability of a developing fetus to feel pain. It requires physicians to provide this script to their patients even if the doctor does not believe it to be accurate or in the patient's best interest.

The text of this brochure was not written by or in consultation with the nation's leading physicians. In fact, the sponsor's attempt to impose his values on every woman seeking an abortion in this country is opposed by many physician organizations, including the